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BELFAST COUP.

DISBANDED SPECIALS
REVOLT.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Dec. 19. Protesting against their disbandment as a result of the Irish boundary agreement, men of the "A" class Ulster special constabulary, including a number of British ex-officers, at three of the five special Belfast barracks, struck and seized the barracks, refusing access to all comers. They issued an ultimatum to the Premier, Sir James Craig, demanding a \$200 bonus each, in default of which they refuse to surrender their arms and equipment at the barracks.

The Ulster Home Minister says the Government's final terms are that the men will be given two months' leave on full pay. If they are insubordinate they are liable to immediate dismissal and forfeiture of those benefits.

The Ulster Cabinet at a special meeting authorised the Inspector-General to issue an ultimatum notifying that any disaffected specials not returning to duty and not obeying lawful commands by December 19 will be dismissed, forfeiting all claims to pay allowance from December 19.

The men, however, declare they will stand fast till turned out.

Settlement likely.

Though barbed wire entanglements have been erected and the guards doubled at their hostel, namely the Derby headquarters of one of the disaffected platoon of Ulster specials, it is generally believed the Londonderry men will finally accept the Government's terms, while the Belfast men seem to be anxious for negotiating an agreement with the Inspector-General.

Matters Normal.

Londonderry, Dec. 18.

After a three hours' secret conference of "A" specials from all the disaffected platoons throughout Ulster, it is understood the men have agreed to accept the Government's terms, but have appointed a deputation to go to Belfast to interview the Inspector-General with a view to inducing the Government to grant three months' pay and allowances.

Meanwhile the barricades are being removed and the guards on stores and equipment are being withdrawn. The men throughout Ulster outside Belfast are reporting to their officers to-night, so matters are now normal.

JAPAN'S INTERESTS.

INTERVENTION IN
MANCHURIA.

CHINESE THREATEN STRIKE.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Dec. 18.

The "Daily Mail's" Tokyo correspondent cables that Japanese troops have taken possession of Mukden and forbidden the entry of any armed forces or of operations within six miles of the Japanese railway.

Shanghai, Dec. 18. An insistent propaganda advocating a general strike to protest against Japanese "intervention" in Manchuria is expected to lead to further industrial trouble in Shanghai especially in the cotton mills. Feeling has been exacerbated owing to the execution last night of one of the most prominent of Chinese labour agitators who was also a leading and powerful member of the General Labour Union.

ITALY'S DEBT.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Dec. 18. The Chamber of Deputies today adopted the bill embodying the Washington agreement of November 14 for the cancellation of Italy's debt to the United States.

LOCAL PIRATE?

IMPORTANT HONGKONG
CAPTURE.

WALKED INTO TRAP.

Nemesis overtook an alleged pirate yesterday when he fell into the hands of the local Police after travelling in a river steamer with one of his former victims.

When the "Tung On" S.S. Co.'s "Sai On" arrived from Macao a Chinese passenger calmly told the Police officers on search duty that one of the pirates of the steam-launch "Po On" was on the ship. The European officers and Det. Sgt. Chan Siu-ping immediately threw out a cordon and the wanted man walked right into them.

Then the wharf gate was closed and a minute examination began as it was believed that one of the arrested man's confederates was also a passenger. [This other man was not found.]

On July 9—shortly after the strike began—the "Po On" left Hongkong for Deep Bay (Nam

A UNIQUE POSITION.

CHINA ASSOCIATION AND
HONGKONG.

OFFICIAL EQUANIMITY?

OUR CASE PUT TO MR.
AMERY.

Mr. Amery, Secretary of State for the Colonies, as the guest of the China Association in London on November 19, had a good deal to say with reference to Hongkong and whilst emphasising the danger of complications arising if Britain adopted a policy in China independent of other powers, he stated that the British Government could not witness for ever the impoverishment and retrogression of a great British Colony.

Before Mr. Amery's speech, the matter was dealt with very extensively by the Chairman, Mr. L. N. Leefe. Loyal Chinese had gazed in amazement whilst the vaunted might of Great Britain had apparently proved ineffectual.

KOWLOON BOWLING GREEN CLUB "AT HOME."



Photo by A. Leung, Kowloon.

Group taken at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club last Saturday when an "at home" was held for the closing of the lawn bowls season. Left to right (front)—Messrs. A. R. Whitley, B. Wylie, P. T. Farrell, J. McIntosh, R. Lapsley; (back) D. Gow, D. Hase, L. Lee, D. Keith, C. Atkinson. (Other pictures on pages 9 and 10.)

Over 20 pirates boarded the vessel and ordered the coxswain to steer for Sui Sheung. There 19 of the passengers were abducted for ransom and the accountant was also taken.

Yesterday's informant was one of the captives. He regained liberty when his relatives paid the ransom and happened to cross over from Macao yesterday when he ran into the man in custody.

The Police have the matter in hand as the piracy occurred in British waters.

At the time the "Po On" was also on the Hongkong-Cheung Chau ferry service.

RUBBER PROTEST.

AMERICAN INDUSTRY'S
\$700,000,000 BURDEN?

INQUIRY SOUGHT.

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, Dec. 18. The effects of the Stevenson rubber restriction scheme were discussed by Congress when Mr. Tilson, the Republican leader of the House of Representatives demanded immediate investigation of the whole situation by a committee of the House.

Mr. Tilson stated that manipulation of crude rubber prices by the British and Colonial Governments was already costing the United States industry \$700,000,000 more than was warranted. Mr. Tilson's demand for investigation followed a conference with Mr. Hoover.

HOME TRADE.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Dec. 18. The House of Lords passed the third reading of the Safeguarding of Industries Bill.

The King, Emperor of

"NOT FAIR."

HANGING UP BANKRUPTCY
PETITIONS.

HIS LORDSHIP'S COMMENT.

"I don't like this hanging up of petitions; it works very unfairly," said the Chief Justice, sitting in Bankruptcy proceedings this morning.

The case was one in which Tung Wo applied for a receiving order in respect of Kwong Sang Cheong, debtor firm, piece goods dealers, the amount being \$1,000. Total assets of debtor firm are stated to be \$10,000 and liabilities, \$20,000.

For the third time of hearing the petitioning creditor failed to put in an appearance, difficulties in travelling from Pakhoi being given as the reason. His Lordship remarked to Mr. J. T. Prior (representing petitioning creditor) that the period during which he had been warned to attend extended over a month. He would have to dismiss the claim.

ITALIA" ROYALTY.

QUEEN MOTHER'S QUIET
NIGHT.

KING NOT AT BEDSIDE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Rome, Dec. 18.

The Queen Mother spent a quiet night. Local symptoms have shown no change and the temperature is high.

The report that the King has hastened to the bedside is incorrect.

"FROZEN PAPER."

SMALL AMERICAN BANKS
SUSPEND.

MARRIED COUPLE AS CHIEFS.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Denver, Dec. 18.

Four comparatively small banks and one trust company have suspended business in the last two days.

This is attributed to "frozen paper," representing livestock loans.

One man was president of two of the embarrassed banks and his wife was president of another.

NEW DIPLOMAT.

U.S. AMBASSADOR TO
SPAIN.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Washington, Dec. 18.

Mr. Orden Hammond, president of the Broadway Improvement Co., has been nominated Ambassador to Spain.

Hammond is a Kentuckian. He graduated at Yale and is prominent in real estate business in New York and Hoboken and belongs to the Republican party of New Jersey.

STRANGE CRASH.

LOCAL DOCTOR'S CAR
DAMAGED.

"DRUM" ROLLS DOWN HILL.

Damage to one front and one rear mudguard of a motor-car belonging to Dr. G. D. R. Black (President of St. Andrew's Society) was done by a drum of electric cables which rolled down the Peak hillside yesterday "because the wind was too strong."

It appears that a collee employed by the Telephone Co. was propelling the big wooden roll down Mount Kailat Road towards Stubbs Road. He claims that owing to the strong wind blowing he lost control and the drum commenced to run downwards, gathering momentum as it went. At the foot of the road (junction with Stubbs Road) it hit the motor-car which was standing there.

Learner Runs Away.

Another motor accident occurred yesterday in Queen's Road East near the Wanchai Sanitary offices when the man at the wheel is alleged to have run away.

A learner was driving, with a licensed instructor in charge. A Chinese was knocked down and he had to be sent to the Government Civil Hospital.

Near the Central Market, a Chinese was also run into by a heavy service car yesterday.

It is notified for general information that His Excellency the Governor in Council has, under section 210 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1908 (Cap. 136 No. 1 of 1908) approved the following hours as hours for the sale of meat, fish, and poultry in the public markets of Hong Kong.

The following hours are to be observed:—Meat, fish, and poultry to be sold only during the hours specified in the following table:—

FRANC RALLIES.

INDUSTRIALIST LOAN
TO HELP.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Dec. 18.

The Franc closed at 127 1/2, rallying from 133 1/2 last evening, being influenced by the French industrialists' suggestion to lend the Government ten milliards of francs.

TEA PRICES.

HOME FOOD COUNCIL'S
ACTION.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Dec. 18.

It is understood that the executive committee of the Food Council has preliminarily examined wholesale tea prices at the request of Sir P. Cunliffe Lister.

MOSUL.

TURKISH OPINION ON THE
LEAGUE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Constantinople, Dec. 18.

Following a lead from Ankara, comment on the Mosul decision is not enlightening, though the League generally is criticised as "the servile tool of Great Britain." The "Dumhuriyet" remarks: "We shall have Mosul at any rate." Smyrna, Adana, and Erzurum. The Council of Commissioners held a preliminary meeting under the presidency of Mustafa Kemal. The only comment on the Mosul decision is that it is a "servile tool of Great Britain."

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LOVE STORY.

THE "CONFESSIONS" OF MRS. BENSON.

DIARY SECRETS.

The love story of Archbishop Benson of Canterbury, and his wife, is told by their son, Mr. E. P. Benson, author of many novels, in his new book, "Mother," just published.

Archbishop Benson died when kneeling at prayer in Hawarden Church, while on a visit to Mr. Gladstone in 1896. His wife, with whom he had fallen in love when she was eleven years old, was beside him. Mrs. Benson died in 1918.

The curious fact is revealed—in Mrs. Benson's own words, taken from her diary—that she was not in love with her husband when she married him. She was swept away by his overwhelming love for her, and yet in the secrecy of her heart she realised that she did not love him as lovers love. She confessed this in the privacy of her diary, which, it seems, no eye but hers saw until after her death.

LOVE'S COMING.

Love came after marriage. "It was through friendship, she says somewhere," writes Mr. Benson, "that love first came to her."

Mrs. Benson had, however, from the first, yielded her whole life to her husband—save an almost shrine, where dwelt her secret soul and its yearnings.

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HER HAPPINESS.

"I was happiest," she says, "when I knew Edward to be happy, and yet wasn't with him. She did not feel towards him the love that casts out fear."

The future archbishop was "a volcano of physical and mental energy, twelve years her senior, choosing her with ardent affection, and at the same time seeing in the quiet and sweetness of her something to educate."

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By Order of the Board of Directors,
J. D. THOMSON,
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ATLAS MARU	Friday, 7th January
SIO DE JARHEBO, SANTOS, BUENOS AIRES	Via Singapore, Colombo, Suez and Port Said.
BANTOS MARU	Wednesday, 30th December
BOMBAY	Via Singapore and Colombo
BONOLULU MARU	Sunday, 20th December
INDO MARU	Thursday, 31st December
SAIGON	Direct
SEKKOW MARU	Thursday, 31st December
SAIGON	Via Saigon
SEKKOW MARU	Thursday, 31st December
CALCUTTA	Via Singapore and Hongkong
BINGO MARU	Friday, 26th December
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER	Via Shanghai and Japan Ports
LONDON MARU (From Shanghai)	Thursday, 21st December
ALABAMA MARU	Saturday, 16th January
NEW YORK	Via Japan ports, San Francisco and Panama
HAYRE MARU (From Keelung)	Beginning of February
HAIPHONG	Via Haiphong and PAKHOI
TAIKWA MARU	Friday, 24th December at 10 a.m.
AMAKUSA MARU	Friday, 8th January at 10 a.m.
JAPAN PORTS	
AMAZON MARU	Tuesday, 22nd December
SEATTLE MARU	Thursday, 24th December
ALPS MARU	Thursday, 14th January
KEELUNG	Via SWATOW & AMOY
HOZAN MARU	Sunday, 20th Dec, at 11 a.m.
AMAKUSA MARU	Tuesday, 24th Dec, at 10 a.m.
TAIKWA	Via SWATOW & AMOY
KOTSU MARU	Thursday, 31st Dec, at 8 a.m.
TAI O and KEELUNG	
SOURABAYA MARU	Friday, 26th December
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FROM SEA-FOAM.

LEGEND OF SHETLAND SPINNERS.

With the coming of colder weather, beautifully fine, cobwebby Shetland underwear and dainty dressing gowns of Shetland wool are making their appearance in the best shops at home. It is even said that the Queen is going to set the fashion this winter for wearing fine lace Shetland shawls in-doors by adopting one herself.

These lace shawls are entirely handmade from the very finest and softest of the native wool. So fine is the work that a shawl large enough for an opera-wrap can be passed through a wedding ring. Yet these cobwebby strands are composed of a two-ply thread which is spun with an ordinary spinning-wheel.

Like the Fairisle knitting, the spinning of this fine thread is done in many parts of Shetland, but is confined by reputation to one island. The island of Unst—the most northerly of the Shetland group—is famed for the fine "Unst" yarn.

The spun yarn here is so tenuous that 2 lbs. of it could reach a distance of about 35 miles. Yet the spinners acquire such skill in making it that when their sight fails them in their old age, they can continue to spin by touch alone.

The lace patterns which are knitted into the shawls are very beautiful and intricate. Every knitter adapts patterns to her own liking, and many make their own. For this reason each shawl is practically unique. The price of such craftsmanship is naturally high, and increases with the fineness of the yarn employed. But as the work is very tedious, the women are not over paid.

Fine lace knitting appears to have been general in Shetland during the 19th century, but its exact origin is now unknown. Many interesting legends offer an explanation.

One relates how a sea maiden loved him to his home. But, not being a mortal, she had no clothes, so she spun a frothy creation from the sea-foam which always surrounds these stormy isles.

The Shetland maiden were so enchanted with her dress that they copied it as best they could in their white wool.

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

Per D. L. s.s. "President Taft" on Dec. 18: Mr R. Boffa, Mr Leon Bergheim, Mr and Mrs C. P. De Tavers, Mr E. A. Friend, Mr M. V. McFie, Lt. R. S. McDowell, Mr J. H. Marsman, Mr D. McLaren, Mrs V. Sayre and Mr Leon Well.

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8.15 p.m. Chaplain's Meeting in Sailors' and Soldiers' Home, conducted by Sgt. Lloyd, Cpl. Clarke and Pte. Gardiner.

Wednesday, 23rd, 8 p.m. Bible Study, conducted by Rev. R. D. Rees, M.A. Christmas Day Service in Wesleyan Methodist Church, Wanchai, 10.15 a.m.

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Dec. 20

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"MAEDONIA"	11,088	20th Jan.	Marcellas and London
"HYBEE"	9,114	23rd Jan.	Marcellas, London & Antwerp
"DAITA"	8,177	26th Feb.	Marcellas, London & Antwerp
"MALWA"	10,941	6th Feb.	Marcellas and London
"KARMALA"	9,089	20th Feb.	Marcellas, London & Antwerp
"MANTUA"	10,902	23rd Mar.	Marcellas, London & Antwerp
"KASHMIR"	9,988	26th Mar.	Marcellas, London & Antwerp
"KASHA"	9,135	29th Mar.	Marcellas, London & Antwerp
"MORNA"	10,918	3rd April	Marcellas and London
"DEVANPA"	8,156	17th April	Marcellas, London & Antwerp
"KASHA"	9,141	21st April	Marcellas, London & Antwerp
"MAEDONIA"	11,088	1st May	Marcellas, London & Antwerp
"KASHGAR"	8,000	15th May	Marcellas, London & Antwerp

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"TARADA"	8,943	15th Jan.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
"SANTHA"	8,500	28th Jan.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

"ANAPRA"	8,000	6th Jan.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	23rd Feb.	do.
"TANDA"	6,958	3rd Mar.	do.
"ANAPRA"	8,000	7th April	do.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	6th May	do.
"PANDA"	8,958	2nd June	do.

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"TAKADA"	8,045	22nd Dec.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Osaka
"SICILIA"	8,114	25th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"HYBEE"	9,114	28th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"HYMETTUS"	4,608	2nd Jan.	Shanghai and Kobe
"SANTHA"	8,943	7th Jan.	Shanghai and Kobe
"MALWA"	10,941	10th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
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SHIPPING INDUSTRY.

Although we have Mr. Stanley Baldwin's assurance that Britain's industrial outlook is improving in many directions, there is unfortunately as yet little improvement in the shipping industry. The parlous state of the shipping industry calls for the most careful handling. There is a great national asset at stake, and every effort must be exerted to protect that asset. America has shown us the folly of attempting to build up or maintain a national mercantile marine by subsidy. The shipping industry, like every other industry, must pay its own way. When it finds it is not doing this, it must take stock of the position; it must cut its coat to fit its cloth. This fact has been largely grasped by the shipowner and the employee alike. That is a big step in the right direction. Full and frank co-operation is essential.

Once a footing of real give-and-take is reached and both sides put all their cards on the table the shipping industry will have reached a position where, unity being strength, it can face its troubles with a new determination to win through. Not very long ago Mr. Stanley Baldwin appealed to the industrial leaders of the country to take their employees more into their confidence. The time had passed, he said, when employees could be treated as mere wage earners. They should be invited to share the responsibilities of an industry, if not to the actual point of profit sharing, at least to the extent of understanding its work-

ings, the progress it is making or the difficulties it is encountering. This advice, he it noted, fell from the lips, not of a Socialist leader, but of a Conservative Prime Minister. Nor was it in any sense an appeal for half measures. Our great captains of industry no longer take the view that Labour is a necessary evil. They no longer look upon an industry they have in their keeping as an individual possession to do with as they will. They realize that Capital and Labour have everything to gain by working hand in hand; that the one is essential to the welfare of the other in equal measure. They no longer see an industry as a private affair only; they see it now as one of the nation's assets which must be fostered as much in the "national" as in the individual good. They have, in short, grasped the idea of co-operation. The shipping industry has not been immune to these influences and the spirit of co-operation is making itself felt. Naturally progress in this respect is slow. Both sides are prone to be cautious; to go less than half way. Once they reach a footing of the fullest and frankest co-operation as Mr. Baldwin urged, not merely for shipping, but for every industry, employer and employee will be able, working together in the common interest, to pilot the nation's shipping through the present period of stress. Co-operation and candour—those are the two great essentials. Once they are conceded by both sides in any industry the future can be faced with a new confidence that is bound to bring success.

THOSE OUTSTATIONS.

The jury which enquired into the sad death of Sergeant Blackman has recommended that when officers are posted to lonely stations they should pass "some sort" of medical examination to determine their standard of physical fitness. Presumably it is suggested that the fitness necessary to service in the outer districts of the Colony, should be something different from that which operates in Hongkong and Kowloon. Police Officers are generally accepted as models of physical fitness and the Government's Medical Department exercises its beneficent and ubiquitous influence. Perhaps the test should be more mental than medical. It is not every man, no matter how "fit" he may be, who can put up with the continual calm of isolation, no matter how pleasant may be the climate and the surroundings. An active mind, for a time, is able to bear the strain, but take away the opportunities for the right functioning of the mind, and trouble may ensue. The Police Department now maintains at least two Europeans in each of these outstations. Thus the need of fellowship is met. If the men at these outstations are given periodic leave of absence—can that leave be increased? What is the "usual term of" service for these "outside" men? Can it be reasonably shortened without impairing the efficiency of the force? Are any means provided to engage the minds, and fill up the time of the officers who are doing just as good a work as if they were stationed in Hongkong? Are they sent to the New Territories and the adjacent islands like so much merchandise? Has each station such things as books or a gramophone even? Does a medical officer pay periodic visits of inspection to these outstations? And is the utmost done to see that the dread scourge of fever—or its possibilities—are kept down to the minimum? The whole question should be carefully considered. We owe a duty to our police officers and should spare no pains to discharge it.

THEY SAY THAT—

A headache is nature's alarm bell.—Mr. Clement Jeffery.

The root vice of our age is self-assertion.—Bishop of Winchester.

It takes a great many holidays before we find the right one.—Mrs. Wilfrid Ashley.

No true artist can do anything without adhering to Nature. Mr. Charles Jagger.

I am not in the least tired of life, but would like to live to 100.—Mr. T. P. O'Connor.

Houses which are not fit for heroes to live in are not the places for children to be born in.—Mr. Neville Chamberlain.

The nation will have to fall back upon the old party of William Ewart Gladstone to put it right.—Mr. Lloyd George.

The evidence of statistics is that a child born to-day will live five years longer than his grandfather.—Sir Kingsley Wood.

Never treat your patients as if they were fools—some are, but the very great majority are not.—Sir Herbert Waterhouse.

The average preaching to-day is less thoughtful, less painstaking than in our fathers' days.—Archbishop of Canterbury.

Because in all the big things we remain children to the very end, we are always clamouring to be told what we should do.—Mr. Stacy Amner.

The Communist party must be highly gratified at the publicity which they have recently been getting from opposing oracles.—Mr. Vivian Phillips.

THE LATEST!

**FUR KNEE CAPS WITH
HIGH BOOTS.**

Fur knee caps are the latest idea for women.

They are made of the same fur as the coat or collar and cuffs on a cloth coat and are used to cover the unsightly gap between the new high boots, which end just below the knee, and the skirts of to-day which finish just above. They also keep the knees warm.

Sometimes the caps are a continuation in fur of the leather boot.

Fashion has ordained a golden winter. Quite startling in the sunlight is the new tailormade and gilt leather skirt, hat, and jacket, all to match. Gold tissue blouses are worn with black velvet suits. These are long and plain cut, with a high neck and fastened all the way down with gold buttons joined by gold cords.

The goldfish shoe is just becoming the rage at the dancing clubs. A plain shape in soft satin, the shade is a golden orange and is worn with every kind of frock.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Lieutenant Colonel Samuel Boylan Smith, D.S.O., D.B.E., R.A.M.C. to be a Member of the Advisory Council for a term of three years, vice Lieutenant Colonel Fitzgerald Gabbett, D.S.O., D.B.E., R.A.M.C., who has left the Colony with effect from December 14, 1925.

SHREDS AND PATCHES.

According to the publisher, "A Book of Wine" contains "maps of the principal wine districts, index, bibliography, and blank pages." It is only reasonable to suppose, that the "blank pages" are where the author becomes intoxicated with his subject.

"Women: an Inquiry." And about time, too!

We are hoping that "The Foundations of Golf" will explain something which has puzzled us for some time: why we invariably miss the ball and hit the foundations.

The publication of a work entitled "Marriage à la Mode" suggests that modern society might do worse than get back to the days of "Marriage à la Mode."

"Two-stroke Motor Cycles." Let us hope that the third stroke will effectively silence the wretched things.

Let's smile and let's smile, make the world look very fair. Let's smile and laugh and crack a cheeky joke. The smile upon your lips won't linger there, but travel swiftly to sad-hearted folk. It brightens up their sky of dull drab, but more potent even than the rays of sun. A smile! who knows how much to it is due before its course of happiness be run?

Let's laugh, although our skies look grey and we are feeling sore depressed; and then before the close of day, we'll feel, I'm sure, fresh life and zest. Let's laugh away the gloomy face. Let's show we have no coward's heart. We're here just for a little space, we might with joy fulfil our part.

The birds are laughing "neath the leaves; the river laughing flows along. What flower is there that smiles or grieves; the heart of Nature's always strong. Let's laugh, not frown nor scowl nor weep; nor dull each day with dreary fear. For we shall all be long asleep—and laughter, then, we shall not hear.

Never treat your patients as if they were fools—some are, but the very great majority are not.—Sir Herbert Waterhouse.

American papers are meant to be read in PAPER. One minute by people who have only two minutes of leisure during the day and spend them in an elevator on the way to the office. They have to atone for their garrulity by an extreme concentration of snappy news on their outer pages. For instance, the democratic American, wishing to know which of his social superiors is in town, can master at

it plays on the warm furniture of a dining-room; but as I saw Kilburn then, purple or blue were by no means its prevailing colours. The sky, which was intensely deep and clear, was of a blue-gray, but the castle was all subdued pale greens and gray gold. The shadows were without detail, and soft in outline; the detail, where visible, seemed more mysterious and unintelligible than in daylight, but not less abundant.

Landing under the keep, I walked to a little distance from the north-east angle, and sat down there to watch the changes in the aspect of the castle, as a pure, white mist from the River Orkney became gradually denser. A little aspen near me came with fairy-like delicacy against the sky, and contrasted well with the massive breadth of the keep. No detail whatever of masonry was visible now—only a sort of gray roughness. The moon shone through all the battlement windows (from the inside, for there was no roof), and corresponding spots of light by in their places in the great shadow under the north side. Some trees at the west end receded like phantoms into vacancy. The whole castle now became a pale, mighty phantom, and certainly I never saw it under a more poetic aspect. Londoners are familiar enough with effects of fog; but rows of hideous brick houses, do not take that hold on the imagination which I confess Kilburn conquered over mine when I saw her silent towers rising away like a dream in the moonlight, as the pure exhalations of the Orkney, gathered in a great white cloud, surrounded her—Philip Gilbert Hamerton, in "A Painter's Quest with the sunshine dead."

ONE LAKE IN MOONLIGHT.

One bright evening late in September, I set out, after dinner, for Kilburn, to get a series of observations on moonlight colour; for I had studied Kilburn closely enough to remember the ordinary daylight colour of every part of it. Dugald and Thursday rowed, for the water was like glass. Gradually the exquisite little island of Froese Flan grew larger and larger, and then detached itself from its twin sister island, and the two dropped gently astern like islands in a panorama. Then companies of white mists in pillar-like shapes, about as tall as human beings, glided over the smooth floor of water like a procession of ghosts. When we got to Kilburn, and had safely passed the bar at the entrance of the bay, we floated quietly out into the midst, and Kilburn stood before us in the full, mellow light of the moon.

A shallow mist had flooded the broad pastures by the Orkney. Gradually it crept across the bay. It was not above a foot deep, but all the reflections turned pale and dully. Even the stars themselves became ruefully wan down there in the water, and the mountains were mere ghosts of mountains.

The stones of the masonry were all distinctly visible in the keep of Kilburn, and the colour just as various as in daylight, only every tint was mixed with moon-gray. The grass at the foot was of a grayish-green, glistening with dew. There was very little purple or blue of a positive kind, though a few pictures of that scene might appear bluish by contrast with pictures of a sunset if hung near, or by contrast pictures in a gallery, or by contrast with the sunshine dead.

They tell the MARSHALL HALL, following a story about Sir E. Marshall Hall who led the prosecution in the Hayley Morris case. On one occasion a friend went into court to speak to the opponent of Marshall Hall, who was just at that moment concluding a heated controversy with the Judge. "Seeing me speaking to his opponent, Hall said, in unintentionally loud tones, 'For Heaven's sake stop talking, it's bad enough to have to deal with that deaf old man on the Bench!' There was a burst of laughter, which was renewed when the Judge, putting up his hand for silence, said, 'Flush, please, I must get that on my notes.'

Life is fleeting
The motor-car, and the road-
way
Clearly shows us what we are;
"Dust thou art"—to dust all turning
Sun was spoken of the car.
Passing motors all remind us
We may make our race sublime,
And departing leave behind us
Cloudy stench and dusty grime.
Dusty grime which perhaps may
smother
Some poor traveller on the road;
A mad, sneezing blinded brother,
Crying loudly, "You be blowed!"
Carts to smash and tyres to borrow
Are our destined end and way;
Fare we worse or well, to-morrow
Let's go faster than to-day.
Let us then be up and doing—
Trips or any other fate—
Broken down, pursued, pursuing,
Learn to scorch and learn to wait.

FRANCE'S FINANCES.

INDUSTRIAL LEADERS
OFFER HELP.

PLAN UNDER DISCUSSION.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, Dec. 18. The papers state that with a view to solving the financial problems, the industrialists of the Département du Nord have laid before President Doumergue and M. Briand a plan for raising about a loan of ten billion francs guaranteed by one-tenth the turnover of the whole French industry.

A plan whereby the leaders of industry can help towards the solution of the financial crisis was submitted to M. Doumergue by the Nord industrialists. They suggested that all French industrialists should float a ten milliard loan both at home and abroad, secured on a tenth of the business turnover of the French industry. M. Doumergue was touched by the offer and the plan is already in the early stages of discussion in ministerial quarters.

FRANC LOAN.

SCHEME TO AVOID
TAXATION.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, Dec. 18. Various important groups of French industry, including the silk and metal, will adhere in principle to the plan of the Nord industrialists, who are chiefly textile and most vulnerable to fluctuations. The franc loan would be a purely voluntary effort launched especially in America, the proceeds of which will form a sinking fund for the amortisation of the public debt. Thus it is hoped to avoid the necessity of the crushing new taxation proposed by the various finance ministers and to restore confidence in the future of the French State finance. The plan has been generally favourably received.

BANDIT RAID.

AMERICAN VILLAGE
PILLAGED.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Dows, Iowa, Dec. 18. After taking prisoner, the town marshal, the telephone operators, and the railwaymen and severing the wires communicating with other towns, half a dozen bandits made an irruption into the village, wrecked the safe in the bank, and carried off cash and securities valued at \$810,000.

LATEST MARVEL.

WIRELESS TALKS FROM
TRAINS.

(Reuter's Service.)

Berlin, Dec. 18. Recent experiments in wireless telephony from railway trains have been so successful that from January 4 travellers on expresses between Hamburg and Berlin will be able to telephone their families and friends easily as if they were at home. The service will be extended to other trains as soon as possible.

SOVIET ENVOY.

(Reuter's Service.)

Berlin, Dec. 18. M. Tchitcherin has arrived here from Paris en route to Moscow.

LUCKY AMERICA.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Washington, Dec. 18. The House of Representatives passed a Bill reducing taxes by \$325,000,000.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint the following officers to act as his Honorary Aides-de-Camp:—
Captain Hugh Blackwell Layard
Dowbiggan, Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, with effect from December 11, 1925.

Bubadar Major and Hon. Lieut. Fazal Khurshid, 5th Punjab, with effect from November 1, 1925.
Bubadar Mangal Singh, Hongkong & Singapore Brigade, R.A., with effect from December 11, 1925.

CHICKEN "BAIT."

ALLEGED ARMED ROBBER
ARRESTED.

FOILED ATTEMPT SEQUEL.

Discarding the chickens with which bona fides had been established and admittance gained to the first floor of No. 32, Western Street, on Thursday afternoon, two armed robbers, escaped from some women inmates raising the alarm, throwing away their other equipment which consisted of daggers and wire gauze.

This robbery was reported in yesterday's "China Mail." It has since been gathered that a man has been taken into custody, alleged to have taken part in the affair. He was to have been brought before a Police Magistrate this morning, for remand, to enable further inquiries to be made.

Divisional Inspector P. Grant is in charge of the case.

LOCAL PROPERTY.

TIN MAGNATE BUYS BIG
LOTS.

NEARLY \$1,000,000.

Said to have been a benefactor to the Hongkong University to the extent of \$60,000 a southern tin magnate is reported to have purchased three extensive lots of local property, the combined values being nearly \$1,000,000.

Yesterday's vernacular papers say that a Mr. Yu Tung-suen, who made his fortune in tin mines, and has been an unofficial legislative councillor in the island of his labours, has formed a syndicate to buy up property in Hongkong.

The lots which are stated as having passed to his ownership are:—

The M. Y. San shops in Queen's Road Central, at over \$580,000.

The Kam Wing Bank premises (recently built), also in Queen's Road Central, at \$168,000.

The former Chinese exchange fronting on Lee House Street, for over \$220,000.

Efforts to trace the gentleman have failed so far. The name as given above is according to the Cantonese pronunciation of the characters.

AERIAL VIEW.

USED FOR FIRST TIME IN
LOCAL COURT.

SHOOTING INQUIRY RESUMED.

For the first time, yesterday, a photograph taken from the air was used as evidence in a Hongkong police court.

The occasion was the continuation of the inquiry into the border incident as a result of which two Chinese were killed by Sub-Inspector D. W. Barnett. The photograph in question was a view of the district where the events occurred in order that the jury, which sat at the Central Magistracy with Mr. R. E. Lindell, as Coroner, might follow the movements of those present at the time.

Three villagers were called and the Coroner remarked that there were considerable discrepancies in their evidence. After one of them had contradicted himself several times the Coroner said: "I don't believe you saw a single thing. I think you are inventing this out of your brain, such as it is."

"One of the villagers called said that the women who had been robbed by the men whom the Inspector was after told him that only one was armed. When witness saw the three suspects emerge from a gap in the ridge and go down a side path in the direction of some brick kilns, he called to the Inspector who had got to the scene by his cycle. The Inspector fired a shot and the men ran back up the hillside. Inspector Barnett ran after them, witness following at some distance and he saw the Inspector fire two more shots, both of the men falling.

After this evidence the Coroner intimated that the inquiry would run over to another day. There were two other witnesses and his summing up and direction of the jury on the law would take some time.

The inquiry was adjourned until next Tuesday at 2.15 p.m.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Mr. Alan Fazel Khurshid, 5th Punjab, with effect from November 1, 1925.
Bubadar Mangal Singh, Hongkong & Singapore Brigade, R.A., with effect from December 11, 1925.

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A toothsome assortment of confectionery and chocolate also makes a tempting display and here one notes new designs and flavours of some of the very best makes, such as Foss's Kellor and Fry and Kohler. The boxes being beautifully decorated and the contents exquisite.

Householders will also find it useful to consult the firm when it comes to the question of stocking the cellar for the festive season, Messrs. Watson and Co. being prepared to put up to order cases containing assorted wines and spirits. They also furnish Christmas hampers in beautifully made baskets. The cases contain some of the best known brands of champagne, sherries, claret, burgundy, ports and white wines.

UNCLEAN PLAYS.

BERLIN PARTY'S BID FOR
PRESTIGE.

A new idea has flashed into the minds of the Nationalists to preserve the high moral character of the German stage, which they say has been contaminated by imported foreign plays, and at the same time increase their dwindling prestige.

In a letter to the Minister of the Interior and the Chief of Police, the Nationalist group in the Reichstag attacks the "unbecomingness" of certain German revues, and requests the Government to withdraw from the cinema all scenes in which nude actresses or actors appear. This hostility is chiefly directed against a musical comedy "From A to Z," which was originally entitled "From Paradise to Hindenburg."

The new revue is supposed to be the most spectacular thing that Berlin has ever seen. The Nationalists frown on the new show, label it a "shocking one," and unworthily of the "clean traditions of the German nation."

The revue will probably be modified but not withdrawn altogether. The Communist Party has agreed to support the Nationalists in their campaign, but the prime mover in the campaign is the Church.

Order made by the Governor in Council under section 2 of the Evidence Ordinance, 1889, Ordinance No. 2 of 1889, on the 17th day of December, 1925.

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MIDGET ROGUE.

CRIMINAL'S POSE AS
A JOCKEY.

AMAZING CAREER.

"Little Ernie"—the last of "Bludger Bill's" gang of world-wide confidence tricksters, swindlers, and cardsharps, which was rounded up in Paris in 1923—was sentenced at Bow-street Police Court to six months' hard labour for robbing a Scotsman outside Australia House, in the Strand, of £20 by a trick.

This notorious criminal is known to the police by a score of aliases, including Edward Robinson, Ernest Little, Ernest Riddle, Ernest Rhodes, Ernest Fortescue, and Derek Robinson. His real name is Ernest Riddle, and he has been convicted many times in his country and South Africa, where he was once flogged.

Detective Sergeant Peter Royle, of Bow-street, to whose clever work "Little Ernie's" arrest was due, described him as "one of the most accomplished international confidence tricksters in the world."

He is a dapper little man, little more than five feet in height, and has played many parts in the course of his chequered career in different parts of the world. His favourite role was that of the crook jockey. His diminutive size and "horsey" appearance helped him, and his confederates, in their swindles, which, it is estimated, brought them in at least £50,000 a year.

One of the biggest coups which "Bludger Bill" and his gang brought off involved a sum of £23,500, which the swindlers obtained from Sir Walter Cockburn, a rich shipowner of Hull. Sir Walter was spending a holiday on the Riviera, and met "Bill" and his associates, who induced him to part with two cheques for £15,000 and £8,500 in connection with betting transactions.

"Bludger Bill" fled from the Riviera immediately after this coup, and motored to Paris in his Rolls-Royce. He was arrested by detectives at the entrance to the city, and when his motor-car was searched jewels and money to the value of £20,000 were found concealed in the car. He was the owner of a luxurious flat in Kensington, where he employed several servants, and lived at the rate of £100 a day.

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About 3.30 a coachload of visitors from Eastbourne drove to the top of Beachy Head, and the woman was one of the passengers who alighted and strolled towards the cliff edge.

She was seen standing there by Mr. B. Farrell, of Pinner View, near Harrow, and then she disappeared. He immediately ran to the coastguard station near, and the men turned out.

Chief-officer Whitmore, Petty-officer Hatfield, and Signaller Cleveland, Smeath and Hanover, together with a civilian, Mr. Arthur Boniface, of Eastbourne, descended the cliff with ropes. Finding that the woman was alive they signalled to the top, a stretcher was lowered, and the woman was strapped to it and let down to the beach, stones falling around her all the time.

Police who had arrived carried her two and a half miles over the beach and rocks to the nearest point, to which an ambulance could come, the journey taking two and a half hours. During her removal to hospital she chatted to those around her.

From letters found on her she is believed to be a Mrs. Allen, but her address is not known. The letters have addresses at Battersea, Wandsworth and Clapham. Her condition is regarded as serious.

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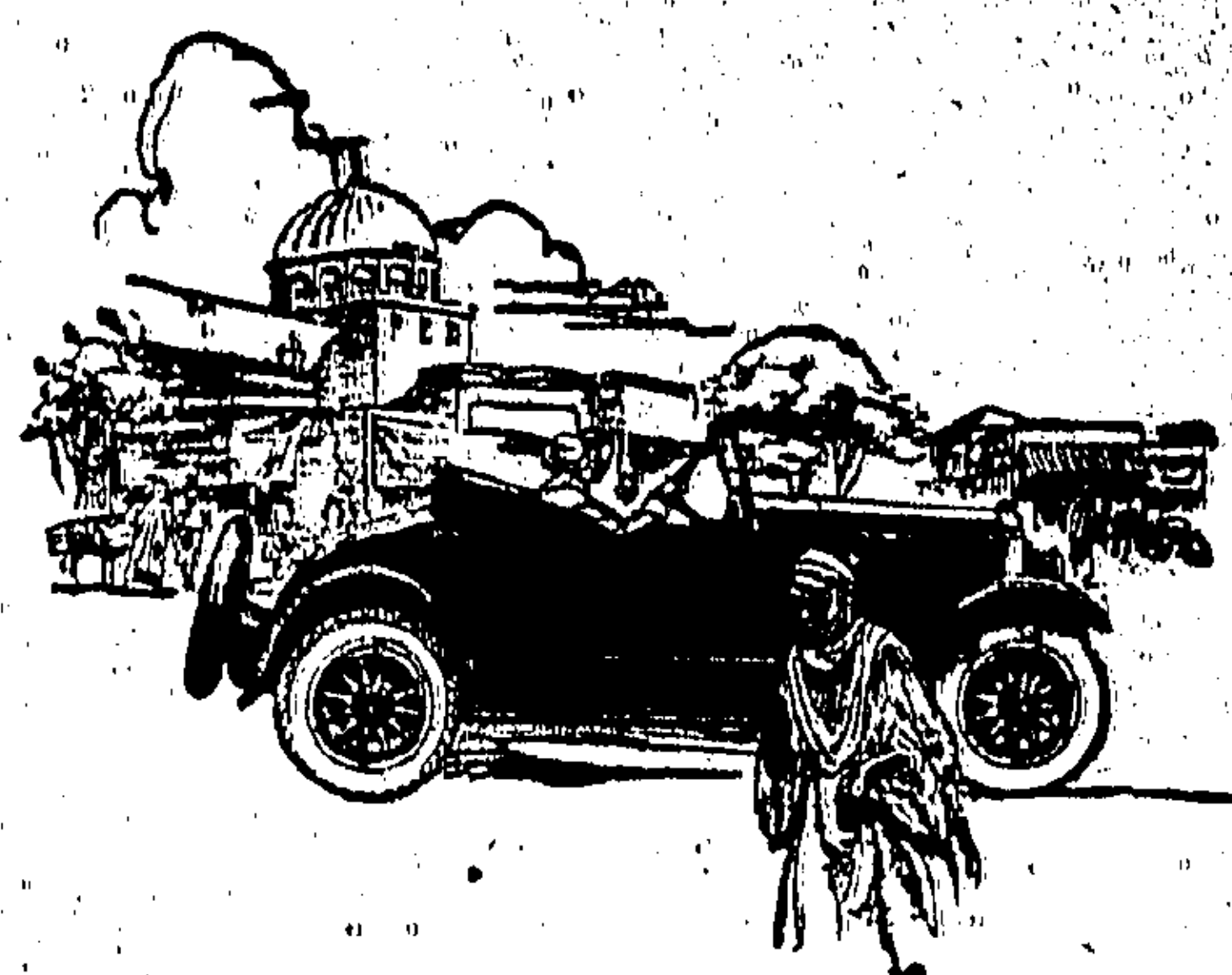
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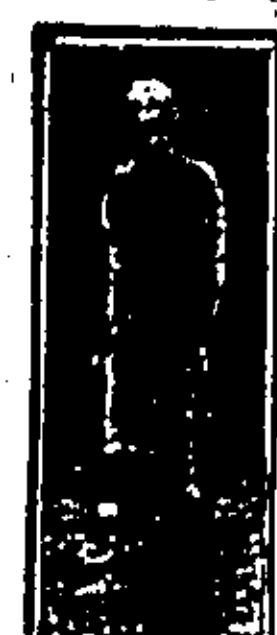
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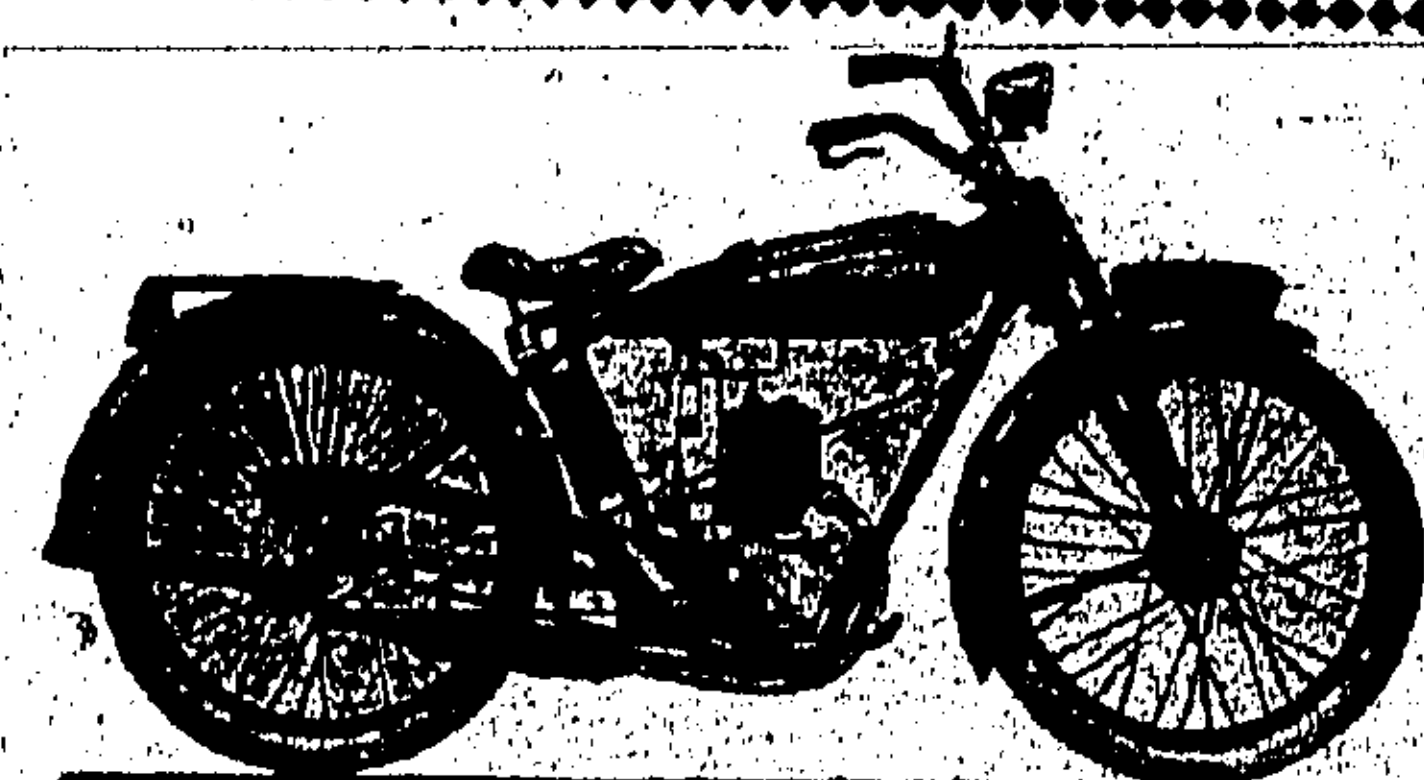
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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A public garden in memory of the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen is to be established in Swatow.

A great firm of Christmas-card publishers is so confident of the popularity of the Christmas-card this season that it has prepared no fewer than 8,000 separate designs.

In a local bookshop says the "Japan Chronicle" (Kobe) "Cruden's Concordance" is offered for sale, with the statement printed on the jacket, "Indispensable for Cross-word Puzzles." To such base uses do we come at last.

In a four nights play, from 13th to the 16th inst., at the Tai Ping Theatre, West Point, the Chung Shing Charitable Association has raised a fund of \$6,096.20 in aid of four schools for poor Chinese students. This association has been established for over ten years and has about 700 members.

Mrs. Diana Watts is arriving in Hongkong on Monday next by the "President Van Buren" and will lecture at the Theatre Royal that same evening, December 21, at 9.15 on "The Principles of Greek Balance" and on Tuesday afternoon, December 22, at 5.15 on "The Science and Art of Perfect Movement." Mrs. Watts makes her lectures particularly interesting by illustrating them in her own person and ends the second lecture by giving an archaic Greek dance. All profits to go to the M. C. L. funds. Booking at Moutrie's.

There was once a time when the journalist had to do without holidays, but recent years have seen a welcome movement towards the provision of leisure for scribes at Christmas. It has again been decided by the Newspaper Proprietors' Association that a clear newspaper holiday on Christmas Day and Boxing Day will again be arranged this year. This decision embraces all the London morning and evening newspapers, and though it may not be followed universally in the provinces, an excellent lead has been given. In point of fact, provincial newspapers are almost bound to be affected by the idea, since a good deal of their material is derived from the London newspapers in the first place.

There was a clean Bill of Health for the 24 hours ended Thursday.

Prof. Ryugo Inouye of the Sericultural School in Uyeda is reported to have perfected two inventions that are expected to greatly affect the silk industry. One of these is said to be a device to produce new silk from old rags and scraps, while the other is a simple method of obtaining silk direct from silkworms without waiting for the formation of the cocoons.

The American city of 2000 A.D. will have buildings 100 or more stories in height, with landing stages for aircraft, and the streets will be of two or three levels to receive traffic congestion. This is the conception of the future metropolis as sketched out by artists and architects who will exhibit their pictorial prophecies as one of the features of the American Institute of Steel Construction convention.

Sails were introduced as an aid to plowing in a soil tillers' match near the seaside resort of Brightlingsea, of which many of its residents are yachtsmen as well as farmers. The wind at times aided the horses in dragging the plow along but at other times puffs blew the implement to one side and spoiled a straight furrow which hindered the contestants' chance of winning first prize. Men as well as women participated in the contest which the judges decided was a great success but thought there was little possibility of sails ever putting horses or motors out of business when it comes to plowing.

A tax on forgetfulness—that is the latest innovation of the Paris Council. The decree which is issued, institutes a charge of 4 per cent on the value of securities and money which are reclaimed at the Lost Property Office. The same charge will also be made on jewellery which has been forgotten by its owner. For other articles there are comparatively small fees. Nobody is entitled to grumble at this imposition, for absent-minded persons who leave their stock certificates and necklaces in cabs give the authorities considerable trouble and deserve to be penalized for their carelessness.

The radio listener in Sweden must pay for his entertainment, but nevertheless, licence holders increased to 75,000 against 6,000 last year. A fee of 12 krona paid by listeners has provided funds for an improved programme. Demand on the present radio-casting stations has necessitated fresh arrangements. It is planned to build a high-power station in the centre of England having a wavelength of 1,750 metres.

Treasure Island, the children's Wonderland at the British Empire Exhibition at Wembley, is to be a feature of the Sequel-tennial Celebration at Philadelphia next year. It will be in charge of Maj. E. A. Belcher, controller of General Services at Wembley, who, with Maxwell Ayrton, has been chiefly responsible for the organisation of the Robert Louis Stevenson pirates' mythical home. "Wembley's" is roughly an acre in extent," he said. "Its American counterpart will be nearly five acres in size, but though bigger, everything will be in keeping with the idea of the original. The attendants will be in the costumes of the characters from fact and fiction known to all well-brought-up children, and it will still be a place where there are no don'ts. In place of Drake's ship, 'The Golden Hind,' there will be a reproduction of Penn's ship, 'Welcome,' in which the first emigrants to Pennsylvania crossed the Atlantic."

So firm and lasting a hold on the public affection have many of the creations of Charles Dickens gained that the information that the Church of St. George the Martyr in Southwark, London—known throughout the English-speaking world as "Little Dorrit's Church"—is to be thrown open as a lunch-hour resting place in memory of his famous character, hardly even arouses comment. It is true that this church enjoys an added reason for the public interest, in that the name of the little person from whom the great novelist took his character is still preserved in the church register. Still this fact, without the help of Dickens, would never have earned fame to the church or been sufficient cause for its present utilisation for the public welfare. Specifically the lunch room is to occupy the vestry in which Little Dorrit rested "one night."

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Dr. Donald Schokman, of the Medical Department, Ceylon, who is returning to Colombo after a holiday in Europe and the United States, left by the s.s. "Haruna Maru" to-day.

"As You Like It," was presented by the foreign members of the Canton Christian College faculty last night at Canton at the Y.M.C.A. Auditorium. Box receipts will go to a local charity.

Prince Takamatsu, third son of the Japanese Emperor, is to be promoted to the rank of sub-lieutenant this month. The Prince has been a member of the crew of the battleship "Fuso" and is to be transferred to the cruiser "Furutaka" next April.

Mr. Zane Grey is the fortunate owner of a schooner in which he is wont to make voyages round the southern coasts of the United States, and Messrs. Hodder and Stoughton are now publishing one literary product of these adventures, "Tales of Fishing in Virgin Seas."

Sir Edwin Stockton figured in a curious comedy of errors at Birmingham. He was due to lecture at Birmingham University, but his audience waited in vain. His taxi driver had driven him to an "outlying" University building three miles away. Sir Edwin duly returned and delivered his address.

As in previous years, the Prince of Wales will light the Lamps of Maintenance at the Annual Birthday Festival of Toc H (Tabot House) to-night at the Royal Albert Hall, London. The festival coincides with the arrival in England of the Founder Padre, "Tubby" Clayton, and the Rev. Pat Leonard, D.S.O., the Manchester Padre, on the conclusion of their world tour. This has resulted in the establishment of

Additional groups in Canada, Two groups in New Zealand, Ten in Australia, Four in the Federated Malay States, one at Colombo, and Groups in Madras and Calcutta.

"Yes, I knew all the excuses. I know that one can worship the Creator in a grove of trees or by a running brook, or in a man's own house just as well as in a church. But I also know as a matter of cold fact that the average man does not thus worship."—President Roosevelt.

Mr. W. W. Campbell, for many years head of the Pacific Mail Co. in Japan—both the old Pacific Mail and the company that was reconstituted after the old one decided to go out of business—has been back in Japan, and will be in charge of Messrs. Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co.'s sub-agency in Osaka. No one has been more deservedly popular than Mr. Campbell, and his return to Japan will be regarded as good news by a large circle of friends.

George Bernard Shaw is nothing if not original, and his recent reply to an invitation sent to him by T. P. O'Connor to attend a non-party dinner in honour of the British Foreign Secretary is typical. It read, upon a postal card:

No, really. The dinner should be to me. It was I who proposed a Locarno pact in 1913 again on New Year's Day, 1914, when it might have prevented the war. What use is it now when all the mischief is done? However, it is greatly to Mr. Chamberlain's credit that he is only twelve years behind me instead of fifty.

After giving up his chair at the Ministry of Finance to Premier Painleve, M. Caillaux went with Mme. Caillaux to his residence at Mureaux, with the intention of remaining in complete seclusion until toward the end of the year. M. Caillaux has greatly resented being dropped from the "Cabinet" and makes no secret of his intention to combat his former friend and chief when M. Painleve appears before the Senate to put through his legislation for the restoration of France's finances. M. Caillaux was recently elected Senator for the Department of Sarthe.

Mr. Phillips, the British Consul at Harbin, has left with his family on a year's home leave. He has recently been promoted to Consul-General and when he returns he will have his headquarters at Shanghai as Inspector of Consulates in the Far East. This is an entirely new post recently decided upon by the Foreign Office and Mr. Phillips will be the first Consular Inspector.

Dr. Harold Dearden, whose "The Science of Happiness" is being published by Messrs. Heinemann, has been at great pains to study everyday psychology at first hand. He has worked as a chauffeur, has sold papers in the streets of London, and has lived in a workman's dwelling in the East-end. During the War, Dr. Dearden was medical officer to the 3rd Battalion of the Grenadier Guards.

Dr. L. P. Clark, one of New York's best-known neurologists, gives a predominant place to sentiment in the death list. "The loss of friends and love is the most frequent cause of mental and physical breakdown, resulting in death. The spiritual decay of friendship and love attributes, their break-up and consequent scattering, both within the individual and around him, render a person more susceptible to disease."

Lord Dawson, personal physician to King George has added to the list of shattered medical myths by prescribing for heart disease a quiet day in bed, followed by an evening at the theatre with an easy round of golf on the following day. Heart muscles, according to Lord Dawson, are better for exercise as well as rest. To the average individual, Lord Dawson stated, heart disease means sudden death. The heart, however, has a flexibility of safety margin 600 to 700 per cent. All that is necessary, Lord Dawson said, is care in the use of rest and power, and in exercising.

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AVERAGES AND RECORDS.

[By W.P.C.]

This is not in the nature of a grouse, but I must draw attention to the fact that the qualification of second league cricketers is becoming very loose. On going through my file I find that there are instances of players having appeared regularly for a senior team and then getting an Irish promotion to the junior eleven. On the other hand, players have been promoted—probably as stop-gaps—and then put back. Still others have oscillated backwards and forwards and if sufficient games are played they will reach a stage when their names appear in both sections of the averages.

Not so many seasons ago I remember the word "three" having cropped up in a discussion as to the status of a junior division man. I am not certain, without recourse to the official book, whether it is "three" or "more than three." At any rate it was then stipulated that a player who had appeared in his club's first eleven so many times in one season, was debarré from playing with the second team in the league during the same season.

Subsequent to that definition having been accepted I was, unofficially, informed—two or three seasons back—that a club which had met difficulty in fielding two teams had been told that they could go ahead as the rule would be stretched so as to encourage the game by keeping that certain second eleven up. What the position is to-day has to be ascertained.

I am of the opinion that even if league points and championships were at stake no club would protest, unofficially. But if the second division is not to be in danger of becoming a farce then it is up to the respective clubs to find out for themselves. When short of 2nd XI men they should look down for men and not up to the 1st XI. Then there will be no need to refer to back scores and the rule book.

In the batting averages E. C. Fincher supercedes Lt. Sillitoe at the top as Fincher has played in three innings and has carried out his bat each time. W. Hung of the Chinese R. C. continues to bear out the promise he has shown before and maintains his excellent figures. Three Craignower names are added with their having played in the minimum number of games and Lindsell (K.C.C.) takes Jex's place. Two other Kowloon senior batsmen in A. W. Ramsay and J. C. Lyle just fail to "qualify" but have played consistently. Goodwin, also of Kowloon, has 16 wickets to his credit but his average is just over 15.

Two Royal Navy batsmen are dropped from the junior batting list. Y. A. Wahab takes the place of his clubmate, I. Hassan, in the highest-second league batting aggregate.

The names of B. D. Evans and S. Abbas are included in the senior bowling for the first time this season. In the junior Meadows (Police) and A. S. Ismail (Indians) are left out but Lacey (Police) is restored and C. F. Alexander (Police), and Lt. Emley (Navy) are added.

A new low batting record has been set up by the Navy 2nd XI against whom H. D. Rumjahn

performed the "hat trick" last Saturday and he joins those who have taken 6 wickets in a match to date. A. S. Suffiad, with 15 wickets in the second league, beats Robertson (Police) and Edmonds (Civil Service) with 14 each.

BATTING AVERAGES.

Division I.				
No. of	Runs	Wickets	Average	Age
E. C. Fincher (C.S.)	3	67	125	125.00
Lt. Sillitoe (N.)	5	58	66	96.00
R. Fincher (C.C.C.)	2	41	82	82.00
H. Owen Hughes (H.K.)	2	69	78	78.00
D. Fyfe (C.C.C.)	2	82	138	60.00
Mr. Stephens (N.)	5	162	285	67.00
Mr. Stewart (H.K.)	3	79	158	52.86
W. C. Hung (C.R.C.)	3	59	166	62.00
Mr. Mitchell (H.K.)	3	95	98	49.00
Major Hattersley (C.C.C.)	2	92	92	48.00
R. Smith (R.A.)	3	34	38	38.00
A. H. Madar (I.)	3	58	174	34.80
Mr. Armstrong (S.)	6	70	201	33.50
S. O. Shahabuddin (U.)	3	30	83	31.50
G. R. Sayer (C.S.)	4	44	122	30.50
R. E. K. Quick (U.)	3	43	39	29.56
A. W. Haywood (H.K.)	3	73	34	23.56
Capt. Morris (K.)	5	97	140	28.00
Lieut. Col. Edmonds	2	30	55	27.50
N. B. Kitchell (L.)	5	23	54	27.00
Capt. L. W. Bennett (R.A.)	2	26	27	27.00
Lt. Nicholson (N.)	5	61	107	24.75
A. E. Wood (C.S.)	3	45	55	25.00
H. C. Hung (C.R.C.)	3	31	50	25.00
G. L. Hall (H.K.)	3	54	60	23.00
C. Q. M. S. Stripp (S.)	6	49	111	22.20
A. A. Rumjahn (U.)	3	32	61	20.83
K. R. Macmillan (H.K.)	4	20	40	20.00
B. W. Bradbury (C.C.C.)	2	27	10	20.00

Division II.				
No. of	Runs	Wickets	Average	Age
B. C. K. Hawkins (C.S.)	3	46	107	53.50
H. S. Gordon (H.K.)	3	48	110	39.60
L. D. McColl (H.K.)	3	43	71	35.50
Mr. Simms (N.)	3	37	58	31.00
T. B. King (P.)	4	77	67	30.00
S. B. Spillet (C.S.)	2	15	30	30.00
J. Hall (H.K.)	3	52	54	27.00
G. Lee (K.)	3	64	81	27.00
Y. A. Wahab (I.)	6	51	143	23.83
I. Hassan (I.)	4	45	138	23.00
H. F. Harper (C.S.)	3	32	69	23.00
F. W. Howell (K.)	4	61	97	22.33
A. R. F. Raven (K.)	4	65	88	22.00
C. F. Alexander (P.)	3	57	62	20.60
Mr. Dickson (N.)	2	31	40	20.00

[Minimum 2 innings but not less than half matches of respective team, average 20 runs or over.]

BOWLING AVERAGES.

Division I.				
Wickets	Runs	Average	Age	
Rev. E. K. Quick (U.)	1	5.82		
S. O. Shahabuddin (U.)	9	7.00		
A. C. B. Bowker (H.K.)	11	8.00		
Lt. Col. G. (N.)	22	9.31		
St. Clifford (R.A.)	5	12.20		
Lt. Henslowe (R.A.)	7	12.57		
H. N. Balhatchet (U.)	3	13.00		
B. D. Evans (C.S.)	7	13.14		
E. F. Stewart (H.K.)	5	13.23		
Pay-Com. Woodward (N.)	3	13.44		
S. Abbas (C.C.C.)	5	13.80		
Lt. Sillitoe (N.)	3	14.65		
Capt. Alfrie (S.)	4	14.75		

Division II.				
Wickets	Runs	Average	Age	
T. D. E. Pondered (H.K.)	6	4.83		
Pay-Lt. Allen (N.)	13	6.92		
G. E. Ursell (C.S.)	3	7.00		
A. R. F. Raven (K.)	8	7.57		
R. G. Robertson (P.)	4	7.57		
M. F. Alexander (P.)	5	7.60		
D. B. Post (H.K.)	2	8.50		
D. Reid (H.K.)	3	9.33		
W. H. Edmonds (C.S.)	14	9.50		
H. Griffin (H.K.)	6	9.50		
F. W. Howell (K.)	6	10.33		
G. Lee (K.)	4	11.00		
Lt. Hayer (N.)	6	11.16		
A. S. Suffiad (I.)	15	11.20		
H. S. Gordon (H.K.)	4	11.25		
Eng. Lt. Bennett (N.)	10	11.80		
B. N. Sudan (U.)	6	12.50		
Lt. Emley (N.)	13	13.23		
A. Lacey (P.)	10	13.90		
M. F. Madar (I.)	10	14.00		
Y. A. Wahab (I.)	9	14.55		

[Minimum 2 innings but not less than half matches of respective team, average not more than 15 runs per wicket.]

League Records This Season.

HIGHEST INNINGS.				
Senior, Royal Navy 232 (for 7 wts., dec.) v. Kowloon C.C., at Kowloon, Nov. 7.				
Junior, Royal Navy 2nd XI 200 (for 6 wts., dec.) v. Kowloon C.C., 2nd XI, K.C.C. ground, Dec. 6.				
LOWEST INNINGS.				
Senior, Royal Artillery 77 v.				

LOCAL LAWN BOWLS PLAYERS.

UNIQUE "RACE."

WAITERS "LINED UP" AT DINNER.

LEADING JOCKEYS HONOURED.

(Times of Ceylon.)

London, Dec. 2.

A unique function took place at the Piccadilly Hotel when a dinner was given by the jockeys to Frank Bullock and Victor Smyth on their retirement.

The table was a replica of a race-course with a judge's box and a finishing post. The waiters, dressed as jockeys, in colours, were lined up and when the starting bell rang each got well away from the barrier.

Bullock was presented with a gold cigarette box, with Saucy Sue's head enamelled on the top and saddled with Lord Astor's colours.

Smyth was presented with a gold cigarette case. Each gift bore facsimile autographs of all the jockeys and had a suitable inscription.

CHINESE SOCCER.

EAST CHINA COLLEGE FINAL.

(China Press.)

Nanking, Dec. 12.

In the final contest of the East China Inter-collegiate Athletic Association's football championship series, played here this afternoon, the University of Nanking defeated Shanghai College by three goals to two in a desperately contested game, thereby winning the Inter-collegiate championship for the season 1925-26.

University, at Pokfulam, Nov. 7.

Junior, Navy 2nd XI 54 v. Indian R.C. 2nd XI 18 R.C. ground, Dec. 12.

HIGHEST INDIVIDUAL SCORE. Senior, Mid. R. H. Stephenson (R.N.) 162, Nov. 7.

Junior, T. H. King (Police) 77 not out, Nov. 21.

BATTING AGGREGATE. Senior, Mid. R. H. Stephenson (R.N.) 285.

Junior, Y. A. Wahab (I.R.C.) 143.

MOST WICKETS IN AN INNINGS. Senior, Lt. Halsey (R.N.) 7 for 53, Dec. 5; F. J. Ling (C.S.) 7 for 36, Dec. 5.

Junior, Eng-Lieut. C. R. P. Bennett (R.N.) 6 for 39, Nov. 14; J. Robertson (Police) 6 for 17, Nov. 21; W. H. Edmonds (C.S.) 6 for 45, Nov. 28; Pay-Lt. Allen (R.N.) 6 for 36, Dec. 5; H. D. Rumjahn (I.R.C.) 6 for 25, Dec. 12.

WICKETS AGGREGATE. Senior, Lt. Col. A. S. Cantrell (R.N.) 22.

Junior, A. S. Suffiad (I.R.C.) 15.

LEAGUE TABLES.

Division I.				
Team	P	W	D	L
Royal Navy	5	2	3	0
Kowloon	5	2	3	0
University	4	2	1	0
H.K.C.C.	3	1	2	0
Craignower	2	1	0	1
Civil Service	4	0	4	0
R. A.	2	1	0	1
Surreys	0	0	3	3
Indian R.C.	5	0	2	3
Chinese R.C.	3	0	1	2

Division II.				
Team	P	W	D	L
K.C.C. 2nd	5	3	2	0
I.R.C. 2nd	6	3	0	3
Police	4	2	1	1
H.K.C.C. 2nd	3	1	2	0
Navy 2nd	4	1	2	1
C.S.C.C. 2nd	3	0	1	2
R.E.	1	0	0	1
Varsity 2nd	2	0	0	2

WEEK-END SPORTS SUMMARY.

SOCCER FIXTURES.

LAI WAH CUP AND LEAGUE.

There is a full programme of football to-day, the following being the fixtures:—

LAI WAH CUP.

Semi-Final—Replay.

Navy v. South China, Sookumpoo ground, kick-off 4 p.m.

LEAGUE.

Division I.

Club de Recreo v. R.A., Navy "B" ground, kick-off 4 p.m.
Kowloon F.C. v. Police, Kowloon ground, kick-off 4 p.m.
Hongkong Football Club v. Surreys, Club ground, kick-off 4 p.m.

Division II (Section A.)

R.A. Reserves v. St. Joseph's College, Navy "B" ground, kick-off 2.30 p.m.

South China "A" v. Club de Recreo Reserves, South China ground, kick-off 2.30 p.m.

Surrey Reserves, v. H.K.F.C. Reserves, Sookumpoo "A" ground, kick-off 2.30 p.m.

Drums v. Kowloon Reserves, Sookumpoo "B" ground, kick-off 2.30 p.m.

Division II (Section B)

South China "B" v. Moslem "B," St. Joseph's ground, kick-off 2.30 p.m.

Kowloon "B" v. University, Kowloon ground, kick-off 2.30 p.m.

St. Joseph's Reserves v. Drums Reserves, St. Joseph's ground, kick-off 4 p.m.

GOLF FINAL.

CHAMPIONSHIP AT FANLING.

Sunday will see the final (36 holes) in the Royal Hongkong Golf Club championship at Fanling between H. U. Ireland and W. Douglas.

LAWN BOWLS.

SCOTTISH CO. H.K.V.D.C. TO PLAY.

This afternoon the Kowloon Bowling Green Club will meet the Scottish Company, Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, in a lawn bowls match. Play will commence at 2.30 p.m., six rinks each side.

Readers of the "China Mail" sports page are invited to send to the Sports Editor, not later than 4 p.m. on Thursdays, items for publication in the Summary.

TENNIS TOUR.

BRITISH TEAM IN SOUTH AFRICA.

MOTHER COUNTRY ON TOP.

(Times of Ceylon.)

East London, (S.A.), Nov. 28.

The British lawn tennis team beat the Border by 3 matches to nil, the fourth match being abandoned.

Results:—Ladies' Doubles.—Miss Colyer and Miss Ridley, beat Mrs. Fuller and Mrs. McJannet, 2-6, 6-0, 6-0.

Men's Singles.—Summerson beat Rolf-King, 6-1, 6-2.

Mixed Doubles.—Godfree and Miss McKane, beat Fincham and Mrs. Newman, 6-2, 11-9.

Men's Doubles.—In the match between Crole Rees and Summerson and Style and Kind, the former led 7-5, 10-10, when rain interfered.

Sheffield, Nov. 26.—In a billiards match against Davis, Willie Smith carried an unfinished break of 772 to 1,147 finished.

"WHITE WINGS."

THREE EVENTS THIS WEEK-END.

There is a full week-end of yachting at the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club. The fifth championships for the racing classes will be sailed this afternoon; the course being from the Club to Lyemun Beacon, Cust Rock Buoy, mark on line, Channel Rocks and finish at the Club house line. The distance is nearly nine miles. If the present strong moonsoon continues to blow there should be some enjoyable sailing.

On Sunday the Societies of St. George and St. Andrew will indulge in their annual rivalry. The events are for members of the R.H.K.Y.C. who are members of the respective Societies. Two races will be sailed, one before and one after tiffin, which will be served at the Club house. Last year St. Andrew's could not raise a team but they are strongly represented this time and a good contest may be predicted.

On Monday the fourth ladies' championship race will be sailed.

CRICKET VENUES.

LEAGUE AND FRIENDLY MATCHES.

Three first division league matches, one in the second division, and four friendly games comprise the full cricket programme for to-day.

The fixtures are as under:—

LEAGUE I.

Hongkong C.C. 1st XI v. Royal Navy 1st XI on the H.K.C.C. ground.

Kowloon C.C. 1st XI v. University 1st XI on the K.C.C. ground.

Indian R.C. 1st XI v. Craignower C.C. on the I.R.C. ground.

LEAGUE II.

University 2nd XI v. Civil Service C.C. "A" on the University ground.

FRIENDLY GAMES.

Civil Service C.C. v. H.K.C.C. "Outcasts" on the C.S.C.C. ground.

Police R.C. v. Royal Navy 2nd XI on the P.R.C. ground.

Chinese R.C. v. Hongkong C.C. 2nd XI on the C.R.C. ground.

Craignower C.C. 2nd XI v. H.M.S. "Hawkins" on the C.C.C. ground.

FANLING HUNT.

The Fanling Hounds will be out again during the week-end. On Sunday the Hunt will meet at Sheungshui, 8.30 a.m.

Joint Masters.—Mr. H. Birkett and Dr. Pierce Grove.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 19, 1925, 10.30 a.m.

Names.	Hongkong Stock Exchange.	Hongkong Sharebrokers' Association.	Share & Real Estate Brokers Society.
T.T. on London	2/4 3/4	2/4 3/4	2/4 3/4
T.T. on Shanghai	70 3/4	70 3/4	nom.
Banks.			
Hongkong Bank	1020 s.	\$1040 s.	\$1050 s.
do. London	£120 n.	—	£120 1/2 n.
Chartered Bank	£21 n.	£21 n.	£ 21 n.
Mercantile Bank, A. & B.	£20 3/4 n.	£20 3/4 n.	£20 3/4 n.
do. C.	£13 3/4 n.	£13 3/4 n.	£12 n.
P. & O. Bank	£2 3/4 n.	£2 3/4 n.	£2 3/4 n.
Bank of East Asia	\$85 n.	\$80 n.	\$ 80 s.
Marine Insurances.			
Canton Insurance	600 n.	600 n.	\$ 600 b.
China Underwriters	2 1/4 b. 2 3/5 s	2 3/5 b.	3 1/4 b.
North China Insurance	T 140 n.	T 140 n.	T 140 n.
Union Insurance	254 b. 8 sa	252 1/2 b 252 1/2	\$253 b 253 1/4
Yangtze Insurance	35 b.	36 b. 1/3 sa.	36
Fire Insurances.			
China Fire Insurance	160 n.	160 b.	\$ 200. n.
H.K. Fire Insurance	600 n.	600 n.	590 n.
Shipping.			
Douglases	35 s.	32 b	36 s.
Hongkong Steamboats	23 n.	23 s.	22 1/2 s.
H.K. Tugs & Lighters	4 1/2 s.	4 1/2 n.	4 s.
Indo-China (Pref.)	38 n.	30 n.	37 n.
do. (Def.) L'd	65 1/2 s.	—	65 s.
do. " " L'd	65 1/2 s.	40. n.	—
Oriental Navigation	\$250 n.	255 n.	—
Shell Transports	97 1/6 b.	97 1/6 b.	97 1/8 b.
Star Ferries	\$67 n.	60 1/2 s.	\$61 s.
Waterboats	16 b.	16 n.	16 b.
Refineries.			
China Sugars	31 n.	31 b.	31 n.
Malabon Sugars	48 n.	35 s.	50 n.
Mining.			
Benguets	2 n.	—	2 1/4 n.
Kailan Mining Ad.	45 1/2 n.	52 1/2 n.	47 1/6 n.
Langkats (Combined)	T 3 1/2 s.	T 3 1/2 n.	T 3 1/2 b.
do. (Single)	20 n.	21 n.	—
Shanghai Exploration	5 4/5 n.	5 1/2 n.	—
Shanghai Loan	8 n.	8 n.	—
Raub	\$ 8.80 n.	8 1/2 n.	7 s.
Tromoh Mines	58 1/2 n.	60 1/2 n.	60 1/2 b.
Ural Caspians	8 1/2 n.	—	7 1/2 b.
Docks, Wharves Godowns, &c.			
H.K. & K. Wharves	\$130 n.	\$134 n.	\$128 b.
H.K. & W. Docks	56 b.	56 b.	57 b.
Hongkows	T 167 1/2 b.	T 7 n.	T 167 1/2 b.
New Engineerings	7 b.	116 b.	7 b.
Shanghai Docks	114 b.	—	115 b.
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.			
H.K. & S. Hotels (old)	\$9 b. 9.10 sa	9 b.	9 b. 9 1/4 s.
do. (new)			
Hongkong Lands	68 1/4 n.	67 b. 68 s.	68 b.
H.K. Realty	5 b. 5 1/2 s.	5 1/4 n.	5 1/2 b.
H.K. Territorials	5.60 b.	5 1/4 b.	6 b.
Humphreys Estates	14 n.	13 1/2 b. 14 s.	14 1/2 b.
Princes Building	150 n.	150 s.	—
Rural Lands	7 s.	—	—
Cotton Mills.			
Ewo Cottons	T10 1/4 s.	T10 s.	T10 1/4 s.
Orientials	3 1/2 n.	3 1/4 s.	3 1/2 s.
Shanghai Cottons (old)	62 s.	68 s.	66 s.
do. (new)	31 s.	38 s.	38 n.
Miscellaneous.			
Canton Ice	3 1/4 n.	\$7 s.	\$ 7 s.
Cements (comb.)	15 1/2 n.	15.10 s.	15 1/2 s.
do. (old)	12 1/2 n.	12 n.	12 1/2 s.
do. (new)	3 n.	3 n.	3 s.
China Buses	T10 1/2 b.	—	—
China Lights (comb.)	20 s.	18 1/2 s.	19 s.
do. (old)	15 1/2 n.	14 s.	14 s.
do. (new)	10 1/4 n.	10 s.	10 1/2 s.
China Prov. (comb.)	32 1/4 n.	—	—
do. (old)	8 1/4 n.	8 1/4 s.	8 1/2 s.
do. (new)	8 1/4 s.	—	—
Dairy Farms	18 1/2 s.	1 1/4 s.	18 s.
Der A Wing (full pd.)	10 n.	10 n.	—
do. (part pd.)	—	5 n.	—
Hongkong Amusements	10 1/2 b.	10 b.	—
H.K. Constructions	1.00 b.	2 b.	4 s.
Hongkong Electric	53 1/4 sa.	53 1/4 b.	53 b.
H.K. Developments	30 cts. b.	cts 30 n.	cts 25 b.
H.K. Ropes (comb.)	40 s.	40 n.	40 n.
do. (old)	13 1/4 n.	13 1/2 s.	14 b.
do. (new)	8 1/4 n.	8 1/2 s.	8 1/2 s.
Hongkong Tramways	23 1/4 s.	23 1/4 s.	23 1/4 s.
Lane, Crawford	12 1/4 b.	12 1/2 n.	13 s.
Macao Electric	40 n.	—	—
Mackintosh	21 1/2 n.	—	—
Nanyang Tobaccos	—	12.10 b.	—
Peak Trams (old)	15 1/2 b.	15 1/2 b.	16 b.
do. (new)	8 n.	8 n.	9 n.
Sinceres	11 s.	10 b.	10 s.
Singapore Trams	—	8 1/4 n.	—
Taxis	5 s.	5 s.	5 s.
United Asbestos	20 n.	—	—
do. (Founders)	—	600 n.	—
do. (Ordinary)	—	18 n.	—
Watsons (old)	14 s.	12 1/4 s.	14 s.
do. (new)	13 s.	—	—
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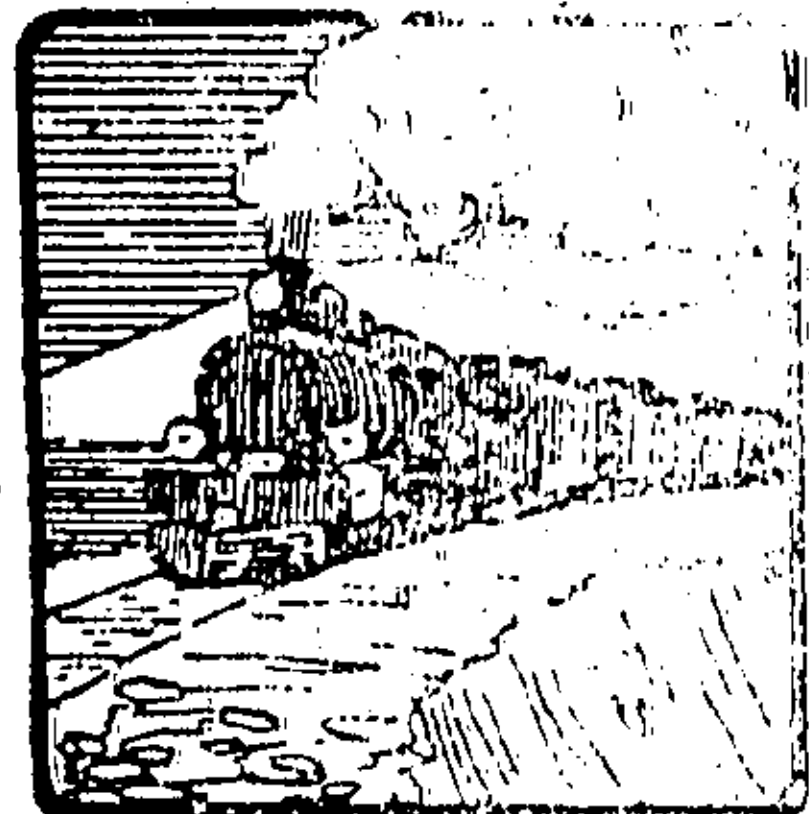
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WESLEYAN CHURCH DOUBLE WEDDING.



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A notable "double" wedding was solemnized at the Wesleyan Church, Wanchai, last Saturday, in which the bridegrooms travelled 37 days (15 days overland, by chair) from far-off Yunnan and the brides came out on the P. & O. s.s. "Macedonia"—which has attained fame as "the bride ship." The Rt. Rev. Bishop Hind of Fokien and the Rev. W. T. Lindsey (who officiated) are in the right of the group above. "Close-ups" of the contracting parties appear below.



Photo by Ying Ming.

The Rev. Fred Cottrell and his bride, Miss Marjorie Ford, after last Saturday's double wedding at the Wesleyan Church, Wanchai. Mr. W. H. Edmunds gave away both brides and Mrs. W. H. Edmunds was matron of honour, at whose house the reception was held.

DR. WALL & HIS BRIDE.



Photo by Ying Ming.

On Friday afternoon of last week, Dr. Austin Durley Wall of Shanghai and Miss Margaret Alice McGregor (who arrived by the "Antenor") were married at St. John's Cathedral.



Photo by Ying Ming.

The Rev. Capt. W. E. Hodspeth, M.A., and his bride, Miss Florence M. Arkens, after last Saturday's double wedding at the Wesleyan Church, Wanchai. For both functions the bridesmaids were Miss Mollie Brown and Miss Marie Clarke; and Mr. G. H. Piery was organist.

ANOTHER "MACEDONIA" BRIDE.



Photo by Ying Ming.

Group taken outside St. John's Cathedral last Saturday when another "Macedonia" bride—Miss Florence Mabel Harris—was married to Smith, Inspector Charles Strange. In the back row (left to right) are—Mr. H. H. Strange (who gave the bride away), the bride, the bridegroom, Mr. J. Watson (best man), Mrs. H. E. Strange (matron of honour) and the Misses Dorothy Watson and Norma Blake (bride-bearers) are standing in front.

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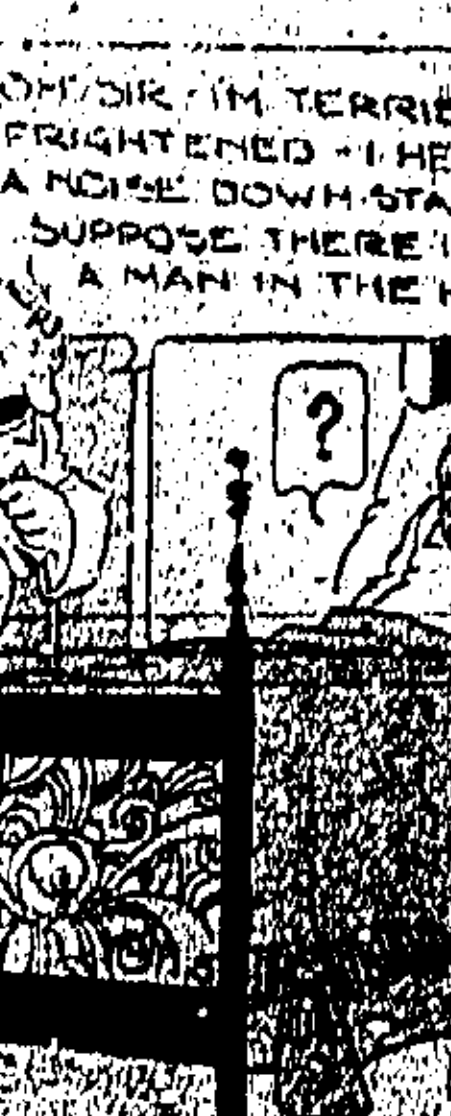
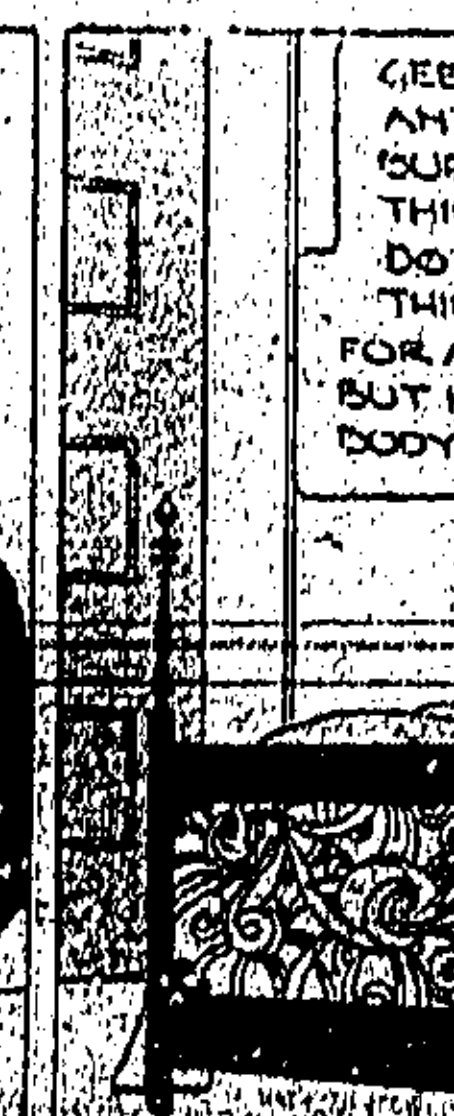
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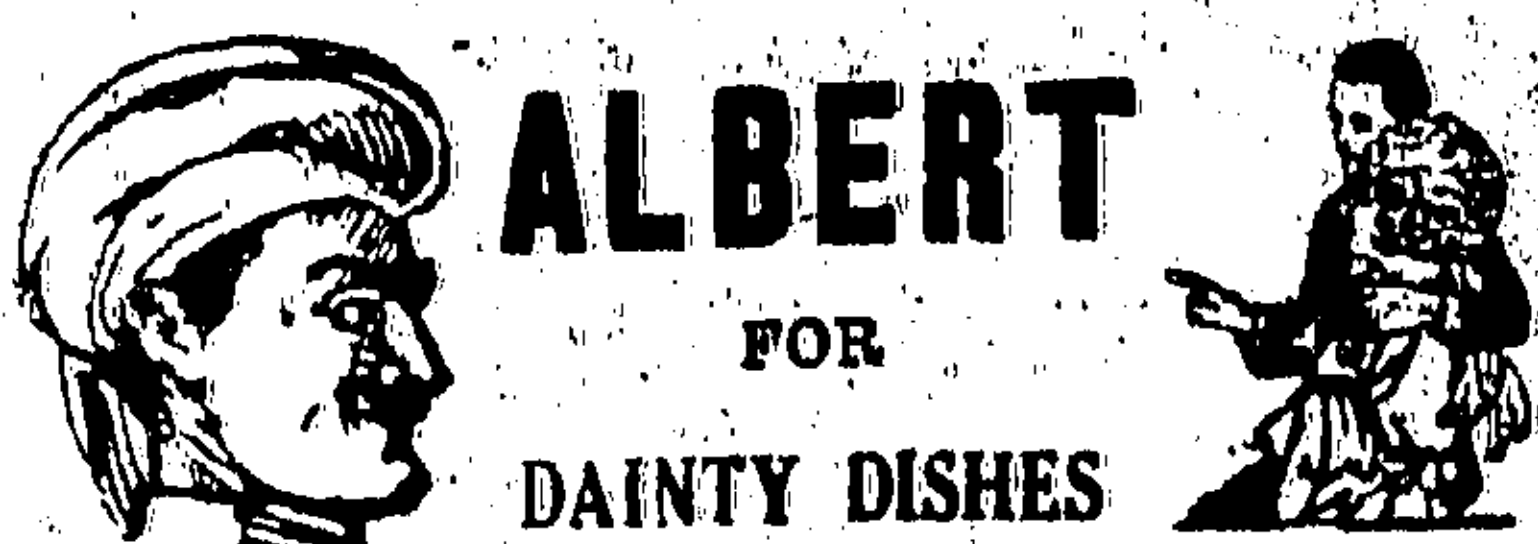
Wedding group taken at No. 10, Ventris Road, (the residence of Mr. S. Hamer of the Public Works Department), last Monday, after the wedding at St. John's Cathedral of Mr. Frederick Wentworth Foster-Turner, (the local architect) and Miss Rosina Lily Radley. The reception was held at Mr. Hamer's residence after he had given away the bride. Miss Gladys Brock was bridesmaid and Mr. S. Poltham, the "best man."

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Flounces are the accepted method of introducing a flutter, in even the slightly tailored mode for afternoons. And for evenings, the frock which boasts a flounce of delicate lace or chiffon is assured sartorial perfection.

Waistlines, which grow longer with the lengthening days of summer, are particularly smart when designated by the pleated flounce.

One smart model for afternoon occasions is of black silk richly embroidered in floral pattern in bright reds, greens and yellows. The lines of the frock are straight

SMART SWEATERS AND JUMPERS.

The Lines of the Neck Tell the Tale of Chic.



The smart resorts and country clubs feature two-piece suits for sports occasions. And when the jumpers introduce the new tendencies of chic about the neck, this sports outfit takes on an air of great importance.

Just at present all white lends the mode with sweaters and jersey jumpers found particularly pleasing sports outfits in this colour.

The white Chanel jumper, with silk crepe collar, and the turtle neck sweater of yarn, all wear an air of dash which is also to be found in the V necked sweater of mohair yarn and Rayon.

All white shares its popularity, however, with varied colour of the smartly outfitted, for this is a season when dashing tones are popular and many use the brilliant shades combined with white as well.

It is about the neck, however,

and slim, and terminate in a pleated flounce.

Materials which are closely woven are well suited to the flounce treatment, and when the frock is of printed chiffon or crepe, they are particularly effective.

The dance frock for summer, which is really smart, boasts either a flounce, or an apron front or tunic of fluttering lace, and so follows the mode of feminine lines.

where true smartness is to be found, and sweaters or jumpers which feature the newest outlines are certain to be smartly worn.

The turtle neck sweater which has become the keynote of chic adds much to the sporting outfit. Coming at a time of the season when new lines achieve real success, the turtle neck and the still newer split turtle neck have come to the very fore of popularity. They, however, have the round neck of sweet simplicity to conquer, and the youthful Peter Pan and silk crepe collar of former summers still hold an enviable place in sports smartness.

The V cut neck, which allows a greater freedom, and which is so becomingly worn, is also a pleasing note of many new sweaters and jumpers. Neck which boast an unusual treatment in scarfs are also to be listed among the truly smart notes in sartorial perfection, and may be found in the newer sports blouses and jumpers.

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